



Torch continues to clear havens

Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD – Task Force Marne continues its sixth day of offensive operations to clear extremist sanctuaries in the Arab Jabour area which is located southeast of Baghdad.

Marne Torch and Iraqi army units, as of June 29 have detained more than five dozen suspected extremists and destroyed more than 17 boats on the Tigris River that are responsible for transporting accelerants into Baghdad. Ground and air forces disrupted insurgent operations by capturing, seizing, and clearing caches that support instability in the area.

U.S. forces killed five insurgents, discovered and destroyed 12 improvised explosive devices, and detained 13 wanted individuals. More than 2,500 Coalition and Iraqi army forces are participating in Marne Torch, an operation

named for the historic British-American invasion of French North Africa in World War II that took place in 1942. Members of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, continue to clear the area north of the Arab Jabour area and restrict movement of insurgents and bomb-making material into the area.

A sizable cache found in the Jisr Diyala area Tuesday netted 54 mortar rounds, two artillery rounds, 29 cell phones, 29 nine-volt battery connectors and more than 20 circuit boards – all commonly used in the manufacturing of improvised explosive devices. A total of 17 caches were found throughout the Arab Jabour and Salman Pak area. Marne continues to clear houses and set-up checkpoints around Arab Jabour to stop the flow of accelerants in and out of Baghdad. **Editors Note: See related stories on 5A and 8A.**

Southeast Regional IMCOM taps Tindoll for leadership

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Fort McPherson, Ga., – Davis D. Tindoll, Jr. assumed the position of Director of the United States Army Installation Management Command Southeast Region at a ceremony June 25.

Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the Commanding General of the United States Army Installation Management Command, hosted the ceremony, which was attended by approximately 200 guests

including Gen. Charles C. Campbell, Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command and garrison commanders and command sergeants major from 12 installations within Southeast Region.

“With change comes opportunity and our goal is to seize this opportunity to ensure we improve our installations as premier centers of readiness and support,” Tindoll said after receiving the organizational colors from Wilson. “The bottom line is that we, IMCOM Southeast, are here to take care of Soliders and Families.”

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Courtesy Photo

Jessee Fisher, 18 months, takes his turn going down a plastic, child-sized slide with the help of an event staff member at the 2006 4th of July Celebration. This years celebration will have shows, rides, music and includes free food and drinks between 5 - 7:30 p.m. See the story on Page 3A.

Change of command held for 188th Infantry Brigade

Staff Sgt. Bob Mitchell
First Army Division East Public Affairs

Summer, for many people, is the time for vacations, trips to the beach or the pool, and enjoying outdoor activities. However, for the Army, summer is the time for change of command ceremonies.

The 188th Infantry Brigade at Fort Stewart bid a fond farewell to Col. Derek Miller June 24

at Cottrell field, and welcomed the incoming commander Col. George Geczy, III at a ceremony attended by hundreds of Soldiers, civilians and Family members.

Geczy, a native of Texas and son of a military leader, was brief but gracious in his remarks, regarding Col. Miller and the 188th.

“You know, when you walk into an organization as a new commander, before you take command, after 24 years you can smell a good

organization,” he said. “This is an awesome team.”

The brigade’s mission is to assist in increasing the overall unit proficiency of priority reserve component units. This is accomplished through teaching, coaching, mentoring, and evaluating their reserve counterparts in the numerous collective, leader, and individual tasks that a unit must perform to the Army standard in order to be combat effective.

Serving the Army in various leadership roles after graduating West Point as an infantry officer, Geczy performed the duties from platoon leader to Chief of War Plans, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.

Geczy was no less sincere in attributing his success to the outstanding NCOs who have served under his command throughout his career.

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Jimmy McSalters

DENTAC changes command

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The United States Army Dental Activity at Fort Stewart changed command June 22 in a ceremony held at Club Stewart.

During the ceremony, Col. Johnette J. Shelley, commander, Southeast Regional Dental Command hands the DENTAC unit colors to the incoming commander, Col.

Lemuel (Lee) L. Covington, who assumed responsibility from the outgoing commander, Col. James E. Parker.

Covington’s previous assignment was deputy commander for Clinical Services, Southeast Regional Dental Command and Fort Gordon, and officer in charge of Tingay Dental Clinic, Fort Gordon. Parker’s next assignment is at Camp Zama, Japan.

Sustainment Bde arrives in Kuwait

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

The Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade hit the ground running June 1 when they arrived to Kuwait to conduct a two week long training schedule aimed at readying the Soldiers for Iraq and the possible dangers they may face.

The training included various classroom instruction as well as live practice.

During one day of training, groups learned humvee egress assistance training where Soldiers learned to evacuate a humvee due to a rollover.

“I’ve never been in a rollover,” said Spc. Michael A. Minnifield, finance specialist, 3rd Sustainment Bde. “This is something new from last [deployment].”

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Arab Jabour,
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Experience the lights
and sounds of the
Stewart-Hunter
4th of July,
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Air Force
Master
Sergeant
earns Silver
Star, see 15A



Marne 6 Sends Reasons for independence remembered

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Being in Iraq I witness the magnificent acts of Soldiers every day. Your Soldiers are my heroes. Over here, I'm constantly reminded that freedom is not free. So while you celebrate America's independence this Fourth of July, remember your Soldiers – they are over here helping others fight for their freedoms and helping others who deserve the same things we take for granted.

I believe the Iraqi people want the same things we want. They want to drive to work safely. They want to watch their kids walk to school safely. And most of all, they don't want to live in fear.

They are sick of oppression. They are sick of empty promises from a government that did not listen to them. They are sick of being represented by leaders who were not elected. And, they are sick of terrorists who cut off their electricity and make their neighborhoods unsafe.

Our Soldiers – your husbands, wives, sons and daughters – are working to make that happen. They are combating terrorism miles away from home so that our children, and our children's children, do not have to worry about conflict on our own soil.



They are taking the fight to the enemy, but they are building schools, providing running water, creating youth centers, and completing medical operations. They are completing these projects because they are lucky enough to have them in America. They know how important they are.

Years ago, freedom was earned through combat; now your Soldiers are working hard to meet the needs of the Iraqi people, helping them to earn their freedom and cherish the things we take for granted in America.

Celebrate and enjoy the holiday – cel-

brate the freedoms our Soldiers worked two hundred years ago to secure. There is not a second that goes by that we don't think of our Families. Not a second that we can't close our eyes and remember what last Fourth of July and last summer felt like.

So please, celebrate the holiday safely. Don't drink and drive. Be safe while grilling and using fireworks. Remember water safety. Be safe so we can come home to you.

The Fourth of July is a true celebration – celebrating 231 years of America's freedom. Enjoy the festivities, especially on Fort Stewart, remember the Soldiers still fighting for freedom, and most importantly, be safe.

Rock of the Marne!

100 Days of Summer, avoid heat injury

Capt. Elizabeth Barnhart
Chief, Environmental Health

Heat injuries are very serious, and if untreated can lead to death.

Once you've been a heat casualty you will forever be predisposed to the condition, therefore it's essential to not suffer a heat injury.

There are several factors that can contribute to becoming a heat injury to be aware of.

Physical condition and body mass

The better condition you're in the better the body deals with heat and is able to cool itself.

Lack of acclimatization

It takes about two weeks for the body to adjust to a new environment. Soldiers should not be too physically taxed until they are fully adjusted, especially if they are coming into a climate that is more humid and warmer.

Medications

Certain medications interfere with the body's ability to cool. Some of these are antihistamines, decongestants, blood pressure medicines such as beta blockers and diuretics. If you are taking any of these medications you need to ensure that you are fully hydrated before beginning strenuous activity, or being out in a hot climate for long periods of time. Dietary supplements that contain Ephedra, Ma-huang, and weight loss pills should be strictly avoided when in the field. These have caused several heat casualties which resulted in death.

Being a previous heat or cold weather casualty can reduce

your tolerance to extreme weather conditions throughout the rest of your life.

Recent alcohol use

Alcohol acts as a diuretic and will cause the body's water reserves to be depleted. Skin problems like poison ivy and heat rash will prohibit the sweat glands from functioning properly, reducing the ability to sweat and be cooled through evaporation.

Illness

Seventeen percent of heat injury patients were ill the day before the injury occurred.

Being over 50 puts you at an increased risk of becoming a heat injury. Water intoxication (hyponatremia) is something that has been increasing in the last few years. As a result of consuming too much water, the salts in the body become dangerously diluted. This can result in cardiac arrhythmia, brain swelling, and death.

There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the chances of becoming a heat injury.

Eat proper meals

Do not follow a low calorie plan while training in a hot environment. It is essential that you replace the salts you lose through your diet. (There is no reason to take salt tablets.) Too much water and not enough salt in the body can cause death.

Monitor the temperature levels

Every unit should have WBGT (Wet Bulb) set up in their training area.

Temperatures can vary from one heat category to another

in just a few miles based on the local conditions, like air flow and the presence or absence of concrete. Motorpools and flight lines are traditionally some of the warmest places on post.

Follow the recommended work-rest cycle, and adjust clothing to fit the heat category. Remember to train as you fight. Would you keep Soldiers out in the heat in Iraq during down time? No, you would send them into the shade or air conditioning to cool off and get out of their gear. Remember being in full body armor adds five degrees to whatever heat category you're in, MOP gear adds 10, the two combined is 15 degrees. It has been shown that four hours of sleep in an air conditioned environment will allow Soldiers to recover and help prevent heat injuries better than four hours of sleep outside.

Modify the training schedule to be most active during the coolest parts of the day. There should be light days planned so that the Soldiers can recover. Heat injuries are often the result of a cumulative effect from multiple days of stressing the body through dehydration and hard physical activity.

Conduct spot checks of all Soldiers and have a buddy system in place.

Sometimes Soldiers who are on the cusp of becoming a heat injury can avoid it by getting a little rest and water in a shaded area.

If you do identify a heat casualty this is considered a medical emergency. The first priority before anything else is to begin cooling the person. Take off as much of the clothing as possible, sit them somewhere cool, elevate the feet, and place ice packs under the armpits, groin, and sides of the neck.

If they begin to shiver take away the ice packs since shivering can again raise their temperature. Ensure that they are transported to the nearest medical care.

A moment in Marne history...

Thunder run challenges Marne Division Soldiers, SASO

Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

The Army Acronym "SASO" stands for Stability and Support Operations. In the Summer of 2003, after an unprecedented Thunder Run into Baghdad, followed by fantastic acts of courage and fortitude at Objectives Larry, Carly, and Moe, Audie Murphy's own China Company 3/15 of the Third Infantry Division moved to Fallujah to participate in SASO there. Residing in FOB China, the hardworking Task Force conducted hundreds of patrols and set conditions for reconstruction. Before August, when redeployment would begin for Task Force China, its members, often known as "CAN DO'ers" had captured or destroyed dozens of insurgents, arms, ammunition, and equipment.

According to www.globalsecurity.org SASO activities can be broken down into three categories including support operations, stability operations and civil military operations.

Support Operations

This entails the supply of essential goods and services to des-

ignated groups. It is intended for the relief of suffering and helps civil authorities respond to crises. Humanitarian assistance and environmental aid is included in this effort to reduce suffering, recover infrastructure, improve quality of life, and return the overall climate to a state of normalcy.

Stability Operations

Military power is often used to influence the political and civil environment, to facilitate diplomacy, and to interrupt specified illegal activities. Its intent is to thwart aggression, reassure allies, stabilize, maintain or restore order, and enforce agreements and policies. Stability enables forces to secure support in unstable areas and to prevent civil populations from interfering in ongoing military operations. Similarly, stability missions may require offensive and defensive actions.

Civil Military Operations

CMO includes population and resources control, foreign nation support, humanitarian assistance, military civil assistance, and civil defense.

CMO objectives include minimizing civilian interference

with military operations, reducing the negative impact of military operations on the civilian population and the environment; obtaining civilian cooperation and support for military operations to facilitate mission accomplishment; maintaining interactive relations with, and harmonizing the goals and objectives of international, national, and private organizations and agencies operating within the area of responsibility. CMO occurs throughout the battlefield and is an integral part of the fight in or near populated areas.



Photos courtesy of the Fort Stewart Museum

Shows, stunts, fireworks, Stewart-Hunter gears up for memorable Independance Day

Special to the Frontline

On July 4, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield will offer extreme entertainment for Soldiers, Families and community members at an Independence Day to be remembered.

The day will include BMX bike stunts, Frisbee Dog performances, and musical performances in a celebration that promises fun for the whole Family.

Everything Events & Entertainment's action sports and stunt division offers "On the Edge" entertainment with athletes performing world class competition level tricks and stunts. EE&E will perform three half hour action-packed shows throughout the day including freestyle motor-cross, bicycle stunts and skateboarding feats to marvel at. The BMX Bike, motorcycle and skateboard show will be 4:30, 5:30 and 7 p.m. on 6th Street.

The stunts won't only be performed on wheels because the "Frisbee Dogs" have an act of their own. Lawrence Frederick, dog rescuer and trainer will perform with his world champion four-legged friends.

Lawrence has taken average dogs, and trained them to do incredible stunts, turning them into World Class champions. Lawrence and Christine Booras, a K-9 trainer/handler will encourage their disc-dogs to perform extraordinary leaps, catches and maneuvers. The Frisbee Dog show times are 4, 5:30 and

7:15 p.m. on Stage 2.

The entertainment doesn't stop there with singer-songwriter, Cory Smith performing with an Americana sound. Drawing from blues, country and rock traditions he plays a variety of music with a style all his own.

Since May, MYSPACE displays statistics name him the top unsigned country artist, number 5 unsigned acoustic performer, number 11 unsigned rock performer and number 30 All-Myspace artist of any genre.

Corey Smith will perform 7:45-9 p.m. on the Main Stage at Newman Field.

In addition Ken Schultz, stilt walker, juggler and ballon artist will be on-hand at 4:30 and 6:15 p.m. on Stage 2.

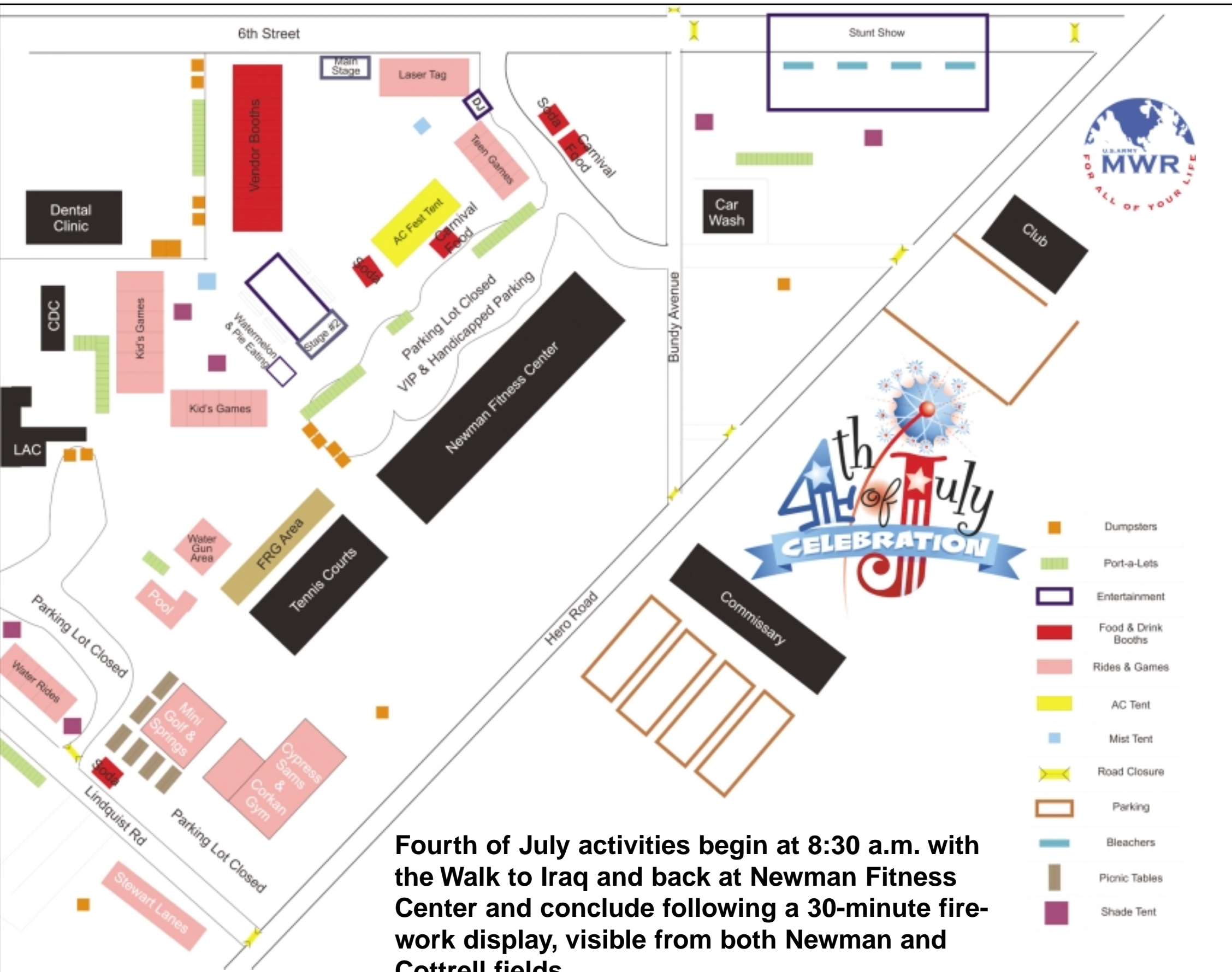
Plus, the Fort Stewart-Hunter's very own Teen and Boss Idols will perform 4-6 p.m. on the Main Stage at Newman Field.

However, the shows won't be the only entertainment. The event will feature a 40' x 40' custom Laser Tag area complete with obstacles, fog, specialty lighting and targets to make this a competition you won't soon forget. Also, a 28' Inflatable Mountain will put your climbing ability to the test. The mountain comes complete with three climbing surfaces of increasing difficulty and a real belay system.

The celebration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Newman Fitness Center with a Walk to Iraq and back and events last till 9:30 p.m. with the firework show.

Free food will be served at booths located on Newman Field between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Days Events - All Free!		
8:30 a.m.	Walk to Iraq and Back	Newman Field
11 a.m. to 8:30	Recreation and water activities	Corkand
	Recreation	
Noon to midnight	50 gun salute	Cottrell Field
4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Youth activities, Kid's inflatables	Newman Field
4:40, 5:30, 7 p.m.	BMX Bike, Motorcycle, and Skateboard demonstrations	6th Street
4, 5:30, 7:15 p.m.	Frisbee Dog Show	Stage 2
4:30, 6:15 p.m.	Ken Schultz - stilt walk/juggler	Stage 2
	ballon artist	
4-6 p.m.	Teen and BOSS Idols	Main Stage
7:45-9 p.m.	Corey Smith	Main Stage
5-7:30 p.m.	Food booths	Newman Field
9-9:30 p.m.	Firework display	Cottrell Field



Fourth of July activities begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Walk to Iraq and back at Newman Fitness Center and conclude following a 30-minute firework display, visible from both Newman and Cottrell fields.

Liberty Elementary students send letters to Soldiers

Special to the Frontline

Children from Liberty Elementary School wanted to show their appreciation to the Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division. They prepared letters to send deployed troops and post around Fort Stewart. The selected letters below are typed as the students wrote them.

Dear Soldier,

Hi my name is Rudy. I am writing this letter to tell you how glad we are to you Fight for Americans. I am in the fourth grade. But I am moving on to fifth grade. Our Family has been living in GA for about four years. My auntie wants me to go join the Army. But I like being a Mechanic better. Well I guess this ends my conversation. Be safe.

Your Friend, Rudy

Dear Soldiers,

I know you are going to Iraq once again so I will support you on your job. I know it is hard leaving your Family and friends behind. I thank you for fighting for our country over in Iraq. I know it is dangerous over there but God will be with you so we thank you very very much.

Sincerely, Jaelia

Dear Soldiers,

I have a question about fighting in the war. Do you have to use a specific gun? Recently our class has studied about the American Revolution is this war any thing like that? Lately your service for the states & countries has been so great, I would love to join you someday. Thank you for all the help and be careful. From Liberty Elementary to you.

Sincerely, Jerome

Dear Soldiers,

Hi my name is Rachel. I'm glad you fight for freedom. Please don't forget God is with you no matter what you do. People will be praying for you so you can be safe. I hope you

don't forget everyone thinks you are a hero. Good luck and try your best so you can go home.

Your friend, Rachel

Dear Soldiers,

I really think that you all have fought for one reason and that was for your country. Everyone is really proud including me. I know it was long, and wish you guys could at least take a break. I believe that someday, you guys would be able to come home to your family because you will know that they miss you all. So I hope you all are okay!!!

Sincerely-Mylett

P.S. Wish you luck!

Dear Soldier,

I'm very grateful for what you've done. You've protected our state as long as you've been in service. I just wanted you to know that my class is studying about the American Revolution, so I thought it would be appropriate to write to a military woman.

Yours Very Truly, Brianna

Dear Soldier,

I thank you for all the stuff you have done for our country. I hope you are "ok"! You and your group have done a wonderful job, I hope your Families will be able to talk, and write to you. Your family is so proud of you and I'm proud of you. You are doing a great Job.

Love, Jessie

P.S. You can do it!!!

Dear Soldiers,

Thank you, for serving our country. I know every one in my class will support you. I feel bad that you all have to go and leave your friends and Family my parents know how it feel they felt the same way. For those who have children I feel they're pain missing parents. But my mom and Dad got out of the army I was glad. We'll any way we all hope you make it through it all.

Wishing you the Best, Natalia

Dear Soldier,

Hi, my name is Amanda. I really want to thank you for serving your country. Not everyone would do that but you had the courage to. That makes any one proud! It may be tough over in Iraq but you have lots and lots of people supporting you over here. Also thanks for not letting those Iraqians come here and attack us. So thank lots!!!

Sincerely, Amanda

P.S. I like your outfits!

Dear Soldiers,

Hi, my name is Abigail. I hope you guys have a good time at Iraq. I would keep you guys in my prayers every night.

I wish that everybody that is going to come back safely Everybody will pray for you. Be careful out in Iraq. You guys have a safely trip going to Iraq and a safely trip coming back home. You guys are like my favorite people in the whole entire world.

P.S. I love you guys as our Soldiers, and you can do it.

love, Abigail

Dear Soldier,

How are you doing because I am doing fine. I just wanted to tell you that my dad [name removed] is leaving to Iraq [date removed] and I will miss him so bad. He said that he will be gone the whole entire time I will be in 5th grade. He gets really bad sunburn.

Love Katelyn

Dear Soldiers,

If you are reading this letter, I'm wishing you good luck in Iraq. I wanted to help you. But right now all I can do is to write you this letter to wish you luck. I hope you get home safely. You be really careful out there.

Sincerely Jonathan

'Great Getaways' available for MWR patrons at Armed Forces rec centers

Tim Hipps
FMWRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons have a chance to win an all-inclusive "Great Getaways" vacation package for two at any of the four Armed Forces Recreation Centers, and other prizes, sponsored by the Stars and Stripes newspaper.

The Armed Forces Recreation Centers provide service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their Families a "great getaway" at four world-class destinations: Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, South Korea; Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany; Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Shades of Green on Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

To win the Great Getaways Sweepstakes' grand-prize, participants must visit www.afrcresorts.com/sweepstakes and register for the contest before Aug. 31.

The grand prize consists of an all-inclusive vacation package for two, including a seven-night stay at the resort of the winner's choice, round-trip airfare for two, a seven-day car rental, and a set of luggage.

Contestants can also win other prizes, such as Sony digital cameras, Sony Play Station Portables, a set of golf clubs or \$100 gift cards.

Service members and authorized MWR patrons can book reservations for any AFRC by visiting www.afrcresorts.com.

Armed Forces Recreation Centers

AFRCs offer four world-class destinations for Families, including Shades of Green at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.; Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany; Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea; and the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii.

AFRCs set the standard with resort hotel accommodations, restaurants and entertaining attractions – all designed for service members and their Families to create world-class vacations in unique resort locations.

AFRCs are run by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command based in Alexandria, Va. FMWRC's mission is to provide Soldiers and their Families with the same quality of life they are sworn to protect. For more information, visit www.armymwr.com.



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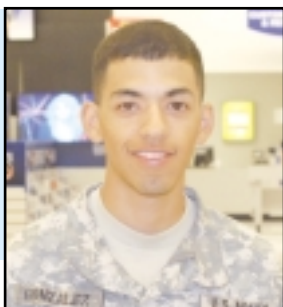
Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., is one of four destinations available to the winner of the MWR-sponsored "Great Getaways" vacation package. To win the grand prize, contestants must visit www.afrcresorts.com/sweepstakes and register for the contest by Aug. 31.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What is a good Family activity for the Fourth of July?

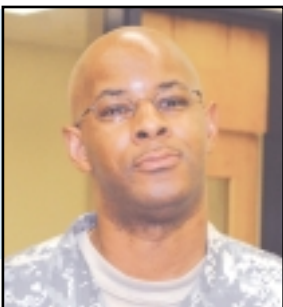
"Having a Family picnic is good to do for the Fourth."

Sgt. Jose Gonzalez
188th Inf.



"Volleyball is a good Family activity."

Sgt. Delvonne Bevineau
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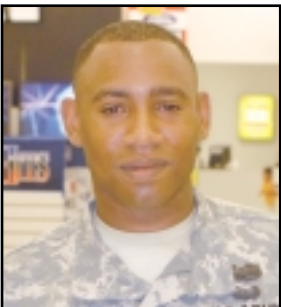
"We like to watch the fireworks and spend time with our Family on the Fourth of July."

Montae and Brianna Edelen
Family Members



"Bar-B-Quing and watching the fireworks are good Family activities."

Spc. Kimo David
188th Inf.



"Picnics and horseshoes are great activities to celebrate the holiday."

Sarah Sikes
Family Member



"It's good for Families to have Bar-B-Ques on the Fourth."

Pvt. Macaro Martin
703rd Charter Company



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3/1 Cav seizes multiple caches near Jisr Diyala

Special to the Frontline

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from D Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, who are currently attached to 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, seized multiple caches June 24 near Tuwaitha as a part of Coalition Forces’ efforts to eliminate insurgent sanctuaries southeast of Baghdad.

The unit conducted Operation Destroyer Strike based on intelligence gathered from local citizens. The operation was a part of a larger effort, Operation Marne Torch, being conducted by Multi-National Division-Center.

“In that area, there are a lot of people frustrated with sectarian violence and Al Qaeda,” said Capt. Troy Thomas, a staff officer with 3/1 Cav. “They are just fed up with it.”

Troops cleared two target locations to seize caches and disrupt insurgent activity. Four individuals were detained attempting to flee at the first objective. One of the detainees is suspected of making road-side bombs for Al Qaeda, while another provided additional information on cache sites.

“All of the information provided by the informant coincided with previously collected intelligence,” said Thomas.

Thomas further explained that the intelligence led to six additional searches and the detention of a suspected sniper believed to be working for the Mahdi Army.

Capt. Brian Gilbert, D Co. commander, was in command of all Soldiers in the operation, and has almost daily contact with local leaders and members of the city council. Gilbert spoke with local citizens and city council members following the operation

“We talked to pretty much everybody that lives there and they were happy to see us,” said Gilbert. “They were specifically happy about us showing our commitment to their security and taking the bad guys off the street.”

Gilbert explained that the first objective was a large farm. Its owner was killed by Al Qaeda, according to local citizens, who also claim that Al Qaeda fighters used the farm as a training area.

Items found in the cache included 54 mortar rounds, two artillery rounds, 29 cell phones, 29 nine-volt battery connectors and more than 20 circuit boards – all commonly used in the manufacturing of improvised explosive devices. Four rockets, five AK-47 assault rifles, a .50-caliber machine gun, and Iraqi Security Forces’ body armor were also found.

The 3/1 Cav. and the 1/15 Inf. are assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.



Courtesy Photo

3/1 Cav locates multiple weapons caches in Iraq.

4 insurgents killed, 62 detained

MND-C Public Affairs
Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD — Four insurgents have been killed and 62 detained at the start of Operation Marne Torch’s fourth day in southeast Baghdad.

Ten caches have been seized, 17 boats destroyed, and five improvised explosive devices have been found.

The operation’s purpose is to clear insurgents from safe havens.

Phase one of Marne Torch began in mid-May and focused on intelligence gathering and shaping the conditions for offensive operations.

Marne Torch is named for the historic 1942 British-American invasion of French North Africa in World War II.

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division fought alongside British comrades, and gave the Allies substantial beachheads in North Africa.

Cavalry unit destroys barge, deters smuggling

Maj. Joe Sowers
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment destroyed one barge on the Tigris River June 16 near Salman Pak to deter the smuggling of ammunition and bomb-making materials into Baghdad.

The boat ignored several warnings to stop and come ashore. Residents were warned to stay off the river during the

operations.

Boats traveling near this area of the Tigris River are not used by local residents for fishing, said Iraqi officials. The qada, or county, mayor estimates that all boat traffic on the Tigris in that area is linked to smuggling, said the 3rd HBCT Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Ryan J. Kuhn.

The 3rd HBCT Soldiers have witnessed individuals smuggling ammunition or bomb-making materials across the Tigris, according to the 3rd HBCT executive officer, Maj.

Dewey Boberg.

The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, is part of the 3rd Infantry Division and Multi-National Division-Center. Elements of MND-C are currently executing Marne Torch, deliberate operations to deny insurgent and terrorist sanctuaries southeast of Baghdad. Operations are being conducted southeast of Baghdad, to include Arab Jabour on the west side of the Tigris and Salman Pak and Jisr Diyala on the east side of the river.

Apache helicopter kills insurgent

Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD – Apache helicopters providing security for Iraqi army forces killed one insurgent south of Baghdad June 21. The Apaches were called in after receiving a report that Iraqi Soldiers manning a checkpoint were taking fire from a nearby building, said Lt. Col. Paul Marnon, commander of 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. The Apaches fired on the building and killed one insurgent as he fled the scene.

1/15 Inf detains 4, destroys enemy trucks, barges

MND-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Coalition Forces detained four suspects, destroyed two trucks and two barges in operations south of Salman Pak June 23.

Operation Bull Run, which supports Marne

Torch, also netted two weapons caches, five improvised explosive devices, and two vehicles. The operation’s intent is to prevent insurgents from moving weapons and munitions into the Arab Jabour area.

Marne Torch is an

offensive operation to clear extremist sanctuaries in the Arab Jabour area southeast of Baghdad.

Marne Torch is named for the historic 1942 British-American invasion of French North Africa in World War II.

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Go 'Hog-Wild' about books

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield encourages community members to join in the fun with the annual summer reading program at the installation branch libraries. The program is open to all active duty, retired military and civil service employees. All ages are welcome. A grand finale will end the program. The program runs now through mid-August. For more information, call 767-2260 at Stewart or 315-2403 at Hunter.

Communities invited to Change of Command

The Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen of the Joint Communications Support Element will hold a change of command ceremony for Col. Thomas Hopkins as he relinquishes command to Col. John B. Morrison 10 a.m., July 12 at JCSE Element Field, 8532 Marina Bay Drive, building 861, Tampa, Fla., 33621. The inclement weather location is Hangar 3 on Hangar Loop Circle. RSVP no later than Friday at mary.genna@jcse.mil or call 813-828-0784.

Youth swim lessons available

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield invites youth to learn how to swim, 9-10 a.m. July 3 and July 6 at Bryan Village Pool on Fort Stewart and Hunter Fitness pools. The cost is \$30 per person. Register at the CYS registration office. For more information call 767-2312 at Stewart or 315-5425 at Hunter.

Stewart

July 4 celebrations at Fort Stewart

The 4th of July Festivities at Stewart-Hunter will include a Walk to Iraq, recreation and water activities, 50-Gun Salute, youth activities, BMX/skateboard/motorcycle demos, main stage entertainment, food booths, and fireworks! The festival runs 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Newman Field, Corkan Recreational Areas and 6th St. Call 767-6212 for more information.

Send a Soldier a magazine

Stewart-Hunter is conducting a magazine drive for deployed Soldiers. Drop-off boxes are at several locations including the Army Community Services, Family Readiness Center, Main PX, Southern Oaks Community Center and the GMH Housing Office. Request that the magazines be appropriate in nature. All magazines will be screened. For more information, call ACS at 767-0505.

Review the Army's OCS opportunities

The next Department of the Army Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted Sept. 17-21. The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Aug. 14 in bldg 253, room 1050. The deadline for packet submission to the Mower Personnel Processing Center, bldg 208, is Aug. 7. For more information, call 767-8894.

Jordan Gym closes

On June 8 Jordan closed in order to make the transition to a youth gym. It will re-open on July 18 as Jordan Youth Gym operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Jordan will be open to youth, 6th - 12th grade. Youth 5th grade and under must be accompanied by a parent. Programs offered will include basketball, gymnastics, tumbling, fitness and healthy choices programs.

GC Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek

Join the fun at the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek June 29. There will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. for the first 25 teams to sign up. The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For more information, call 767-2370.

Teen "Nite Owl" skating

Corkan Family Recreation Area will host "Nite Owl" roller skating 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday. The event is open to teenagers ages 16 to 18. The cost is \$2. Skate rental is \$1. For more information, call 767-4273.

Indoor skating and laser tag at Corkan

MWR will soon provide year-round indoor skating and laser tag in Corkan Gym for youth. As a result, the youth programs housed in Corkan Gym will be displaced. In order to accommodate these programs, Jordan Fitness Center will be transitioned into a Youth Gym.

Youth summer basketball league offered

Child and Youth Services is now hosting a free summer basketball league for middle school and high school youth through July 31. For more information, call 767-4493.

Shop of the Marne closes for the summer

The Shop of the Marne will be closed for the month of July. We will reopen in August with normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month. Watch for the Open flags at Building 25 off McNeely Road behind the PX. Thank you for your business and we look forward to seeing you in August.

Summer nutrition program offered

Diamond Elementary, Southern Oaks Community Center, Bryan Village Youth Center, and Corkan Recreation Center/Family Fun Park will offer free nutritional lunches to youth ages 18 and under from 11 a.m. to noon, now through July 13. For more information, call 408-3088.

Register to 'Walk to Iraq and Back'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues as an on-going program. Teams submit walked miles monthly towards the goal of 13,000 miles. Registration is also ongoing and forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

Come to Teen Night at Rocky's

Rocky's will be closed to Soldiers and open to teenage Family members with military IDs from 5 to 11 p.m. every Thursday

night through July 26. Teens, ages 13-18, can have fun in a positive environment. For more information, call 368-2212.

Experience the world of scouting

Boy Scout Troop 454 is looking for scouts ages 10 1/2 - 18. For more information call Michelle Burkkard, scoutmaster, at 369-5589 or 230-2822.

Have summer fun at the Sunday brunch luau

Club Stewart will host a Luau brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$11.95 per person. Children, ages 5-10 are half price and children 5 and under eat free. Bring in a church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal cost. For more information, call 368-2212.

Kid's cooking class offered

Children can learn to make everyone's favorite summer treats 3 p.m., Sunday, at Club Stewart. Sign-ups are limited to the first 50 spaces.

The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 368-2212.

Mandatory overseas briefings

Soldiers learn about the ACS programs to help in their relocation, receive packets of information on the country they are going to, and watch a short video about the country and/or duty station.

Briefings take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Army Community Services. For more information, call 767-2500.

Latin Night at Rocky's

Come and dance to the latest and greatest Latin hits 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. July 6. The event is free to military and their dependents. Ladies are free from 10 p.m. to midnight. Civilians \$10 per person. For more information, call 767-8715 or 368-2212.

Ultimate Fighting Championship Stacked

Join the fun and watch Silva vs. Marquardt, Ortiz vs. Evans, and Sherk vs. Franca live on Pay-per-view July 7, 10 p.m., at Rocky's. Free Admission. For more information, call 767-8715/368-2212.

117th to conduct blood drive

Hunter's 117th Air Control Squadron will host a blood drive, 8 a.m. to noon, June 29. For more information, contact Master Sgt. George Wall, 963-6111.

Get Web site tech certified

Get your Web site technician certificate in only seven courses; Child Care Manager Certificate in only five courses; or Medical Transcription Certificate in only eight courses. For more information please contact Savannah Technical College Liberty Campus at 408.3024 at the Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, 408-2430 for financial aid information at 408-3024. For child care information, call 408.3024. The summer quarter begins July 9.



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Glow Stick giveaway

Light up the night with a colorful glow stick necklace to take to the fireworks show 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., July 3 at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Bows for our troops

Show your support and wish our troops a safe trip home by making a beautiful yellow bow to hang on your door 2:30 p.m. July 10 at Southern Oaks Community Center. An instructor will be present and materials supplied.

Basketball shoot out

Show your skills 2:30 July 13 on the court

from the free throw line and the three - point line at Southern Oaks Community Center. The person with the best overall score takes home the prize!

Board Game Mania

Bring your favorite board game and we'll play it 2-3:30 p.m. July 18 at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Back pack raffle

Enter to win a new back pack full of school supplies so you're ready for your first day back; July 23 - July 31 at Southern Oaks and Liberty Woods Community Centers.

Neighborhood Huddles

Come talk to us 10:30-11 a.m., at neighborhood huddles. GMH will be there to listen to your ideas, issues or concerns. Help make your neighborhood a great place to

live! The events are July 9 at the playground at the intersection of Victory Division and Mindoro Loop for Marne Terrace; July 11 at the playground on corner of Davis St. and Hero Rd. for Marne Homes; July 24 at the playground between St. Tropez and Fedala for Marne Woods; and July 26 at the playground across from Brittin Elementary for Bryan Village North.

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Yard of the Month

Help make your neighborhood beautiful by taking pride in your yard! A yard will be selected from each neighborhood July 2. Winners will receive a gift card from Home Depot.

Lollipop Giveaway

Stop by and receive a free patriotic swirl lollipop to celebrate Independence Day on

July 3 at either Hunter GMH community center.

Neighborhood Huddles

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle at 10:30 a.m. July 19 at Wilson Acres and July 27 at Gannam. Share ideas, issues or concerns with GMH. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live!

Board Game Mania

Bring your favorite board game and we'll play it 2-3:30 p.m., July 19 at Ken Heller Jr. Community Center (New Gannam).

Basketball shoot out

Show your skills on the court from the free throw line and the three - point line at 2:30 p.m. July 27 at New Savannah/Callaway Community Center.



Beware of scams targeting military Family members

Katherine Ingram
Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office

Question: *I recently heard that there were scams out there specifically targeting the military. Is this true? What exactly is a scam?*

Answer: A scam is a fraudulent or deceptive act or operation, usually designed to trick people into giving up money or personal identification so that the scammer can later obtain money. There are many types of scams. Scams can be found in unsolicited emails (“spam”), telemarketing phone calls, direct mail advertising or newspaper advertisements, among other places. Usually scams involve offers that appear too good to be true. They offer ways a person can earn “thousands a day” working at home, or get a pre-approved loan regardless of your credit for just a little money up front.

Unfortunately, it is true that there have been a number of reports recently of scams that are specifically targeting military members. Some scams that are of particular concern include a scam where someone calls saying they are from the Red Cross and a scam targeting military members as investors.

Red Cross scam

In this scam, someone calls the military Family stating that they are with the Red Cross, tells the Family the Soldier has been hurt and states that before treatment can be started they need to file paperwork. They then ask for the Soldier’s social security number and date of birth for verification. This is all the information needed to steal the Soldier’s identity to obtain credit in their name. The Georgia Governor’s office of Consumer affairs has issued a warning on their Web site to look out for this scam though the reported cases so far have been in South Carolina.

Hebrew Boys, Capital Consortium Group scam

This is a Ponzi Scheme that has shown up on military intalations recently. A Ponzi scheme is a scam that usually offers abnormally high short-term returns in order to entice new investors. The high returns that a Ponzi scheme advertises (and pays on a short term basis) require an ever-increasing flow of money from investors in order to keep the scheme going. The scheme is doomed to lose money eventually because there are little or no underlying earnings from the money received by the promoter. The scheme is named after Charles Ponzi, who became notorious for using the technique after emigrating from Italy to the United States in 1903. Ponzi was not the first to invent such a scheme, but his operation took in such a large amount of money that it was the first to become known throughout the United States. Today’s schemes are often considerably more sophisticated than Ponzi’s, although the underlying formula is quite similar and the principle behind every Ponzi scheme is to exploit lapses in judgment arising out of greed. The South Carolina Office of Attorney General and North Carolina Secretary of State have ordered 3 Hebrew Boys and Capital Consortium Group to stop securities sales in both North Carolina and South Carolina. It is reported that this company has also been operating in the Fort Benning, Ga. area. In this scam individuals were offering for sale, soliciting offers to

purchase, or selling securities of 3 Hebrew Boys, L.L.C. or of Capital Consortium Group, L.L.C. or any securities of any issuer in violation of provisions of the North Carolina Securities Act or the South Carolina Uniform Securities Act of 2005. The actions are designed to protect investors, including members of the military who were specifically targeted, from sales seminars that promoted a scheme to pay off mortgages, automobile loans, credit card balances and other debts through foreign exchange transactions that promised extremely high rates of return.

Q: Other than scams aimed at military members, what other scams do I need to look out for?

A. New scams come up every day so you always need to be on the lookout for deals that seem too good to be true. Some of the scams that seem to keep coming up in one form or another include:

Advance-fee loan scams

These scams promise a guaranteed loan or credit in return for up front payments as “insurance” on the loan before you receive your money. Companies that promise these types of loan often claim to be legitimate lenders and provide telephone numbers and addresses that appear real.

However, upon further investigation you will quickly find out that their addresses do not exist or that the phone number you are calling is in Canada and no one ever answers the phone on the other end. These scammers require the consumer to wire money to them using Western Union or some other money transfer company, giving only the name of an individual and account number. In order to protect yourself against this type of scam, you should always remember that you should never be required to pay up-front for a loan. Legitimate lenders may charge application or credit report fees, but these fees are usually taken out of the amount of the loan and are paid once the loan is approved, not required upfront.

Work at Home schemes

These scams include opportunities to work from your home doing jobs that require relatively little labor, promising that you’ll make thousands of dollars in your spare time. The problem with these scams is that you usually have to send money as a fee to get started or to get the supplies that you’ll need to start your “home business.” It is only after you send this money that you find out that there was never actually an employment opportunity in the first place or that the opportunity involved an explanation on how you can start your own work at home e-mail scam.

Vacation prize promotions

These scams usually involve sending out certificates stating that a person has “won” a fabulous vacation prize. The trick to these scams is that the vacation you book will not be the same as it appears on the brochure, or you’ll be asked to pay additional fees for “upgrades” or to schedule the date you want.

Sometimes these scams require you to send in a “down payment” to secure your vacation, but when you call to schedule you find out there was never a vacation in the first place.

Scholarship scams

These scams involve offers of college scholarships or services in helping students find money for college. These scams can come in many forms including services that offer assistance in finding college scholarships for an upfront fee, a prize notification that requires the student to pay a fee before the prize can be released, or notices that offer free financial aid seminars or interviews for scholarship funds. Usually these scholarship services never find any money for the students, the scholarship funds are never received, or the “free” seminar turns into a sales pitch for financial aid consulting services, investment products or overpriced student loan providers.

E-mail scams

These scams usually involve soliciting money for disaster victims or deployed Soldiers who are having financial problems because of their deployment. These e-mails appear to be from reputable charitable organizations, but actually they are usually sent by individuals who have cut and pasted a logo onto their e-mail. Other e-mail scams involve notices that you’ve had a “close” Family member die in a foreign country and you’ve been left a substantial gift in their will. The only requirement for receiving this gift is that you send an “attorney fee” or other payment up front, usually by direct deposit or wire transfer. Once you send the fee you find out that there never was a Great Uncle Frank! Some e-mail scams involve individuals who pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send messages to get you to reveal your personal information. Similar to the Red Cross scam, once they have obtained your personal information you may find yourself the victim of identity theft.

Q: How can I tell if an offer I receive is just a scam?

A: Because there are so many types of scams, if you receive any of these types of offers or other offers that seem too good to be true, you should do a little research before jumping into anything. There are Web sites that help consumers investigate companies as well as offers that could turn out to be a scam. Some of these sites include www.snopes.com, www.scambusters.com, and www.ftc.gov. In addition, search engines such as Google and Yahoo will help you research businesses to find out if they are legitimate.

Q: What do I do if I find out that I am the victim of a scam?

A: If you believe that you have been a victim of a scam you should contact your local law enforcement as well as file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov. Additionally, if the scam occurred in Georgia, you can file a complaint with the Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs. Complaints filed with this agency alleging fraud may form the basis for an investigation into a company’s business practices. A significant quantity of complaints about a business may give rise to legal action—not on behalf of the individual complainants, but to enforce state law. Unfortunately, there is usually little that can be done to get back the money that you’ve been scammed out of, so make sure you do your research before you send money to some unsolicited organization.

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Scott A. Brazzale**, Rear Detachment, 3/7 Cavalry, contact 1st Lt. Kyle Hemminger, Rear Commander, 3/7 Cavalry, Fort Stewart Ga. 31314, by phone at 767-7328.

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Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. David J. Bentz III**, B Co., 1/64 Armor Battalion,

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Infantry patrol heats up Arab Jabour

Sgt. Luis Delgadillo
Task Force Marne Public
Affairs

Forward Operating Base Murray - It's typical around this time of year for the early morning sun to turn the outside temperature up to more than 100 degrees.

Today is no different, except these days B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, patrols the banks of the Tigris River—turning the heat up on al Qaeda in Arab Jabour.

Operation Guardian Torch, conducted by the 2nd BCT, is a key part of the 3rd Infantry Division's Operation Marne Torch.

Guardian Torch aims at seeking and destroying al Qaeda elements in Arab Jabour and finding weapons caches.

"This area is considered by most intelligence, to be the home source for (veh-

cle-borne improvised explosive devices) and high explosives throughout all of Iraq," said Sgt. Luke J. Hitchcock, a platoon team leader in B Co. "We're trying to wipe this area clean of all of that, so we can deter and stop IEDs and explosives in Iraq."

Capt. John T. Newman, company commander for B Co., said al Qaeda in Iraq has had free reign to exploit Arab Jabour due to the lack of U.S. and Iraqi military presence.

"The insurgents are utilizing this area to push weapons and people up into Baghdad, so we're trying to cut off their supply line," he said.

Newman says that thus far the people of Arab Jabour have been friendly and though some residents have left the area, most local civilians are very glad to see U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Despite the welcome, Arab Jabour remains a very dangerous place for Coalition Forces.

"The more of a presence that we show here and the more friendliness that we show them, the more willing to work with us they will be," said Hitchcock.

He said that in the past insurgents were threatening local civilians, but since his unit's arrival, the local civilians say the threats have stopped.

Hitchcock said that the most rewarding part about his job is seeing the locals when they're happy and working with the Iraqi army to help clean up the country.

Though B Company will not stay in Arab Jabour once the operation is completed, elements of 1/30th will stay to hold the region.

"Our sister companies are staying in this area for the long haul," said Newman.

Newman said that the next goal for Arab Jabour is to establish a provincial government and police force that can enforce the rule of law.



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Pfc. Joseph S. Brown and Pfc. Kyle Rowin, infantrymen with B Co., 1/30th Inf., 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., patrol a farming community in Arab Jabour assisting in the hunt for al Qaeda operatives.

Medics participate in mass casualty exercise

Pfc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq - Medics working at the Camp Striker Main Troop Medical Center participated in an exercise Saturday designed to evaluate their efficiency during a mass casualty event.

"We need to practice and get good at this while we can," said Maj. Scott McClellan, brigade surgeon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

"We have to be prepared to provide for the camp of 9,000 people. There is a lot of responsibility, and I want to make sure we're squared away should the worst happen."

The exercise scenario involved a mortar-round striking the north Morale, Welfare an

d Recreation center at the camp while many people were exercising in the gym.

Chaos was simulated and the medical workers, in addition to several combat life savers, were assessed on reaction time and their capability to treat the 14 casualties.

"This was a mini walk-through to catch problem areas," said 1st Lt. Shawn Sheets, Headquarters and Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion. "We have a list of where everyone sleeps and we have runners. So, we see how long the runners take to get all the doctors here."

Each month a combat life saver class is given. Soldiers taking the class were incorporated into the training to provide additional help.

Units tasked Soldiers to act as casualties for the 18 enlisted medics and eight medical officers participating in the exercise.

The exercise also incorporated multiple staff sections including the chaplain, a representative from mortuary affairs and from the brigade's personnel office.

"We just tried to get as many people involved as we could," said McClellan. The next exercise will include all the battalions, the mayor's cell, the area defense operations center, as well as the fire department and Kellogg, Brown and Root employees, McClellan said.

"Prior planning prevents poor performance," said McClellan.

"We want to have an exercise four or five times while we're here. So, every three months. We also have a clinic at the flight line and we plan on doing something similar for them."

Each patient must be tracked from the moment they arrive at the troop medical

clinic until they either recover or they are transported to another medical clinic or hospital, said Sheets.

"We had [the personnel office], mortuary affairs and the chaplain providing input that we did not initially fit into our plan on how to handle patients and how to track patients that go to other hospitals and clinics in the area," said McClellan.

"We learned a lot about our capabilities and changes we need to make in order to provide more efficient help. I think, in the end, it brought a lot of people together, we got a lot of good feedback on how to improve and get better and better each time we do it."

"You know what they say, practice makes perfect," McClellan said. "You never know what's going to happen, and we absolutely have to be prepared for the worst."

Ten warriors make the ultimate sacrifice

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield honored 10 fallen Soldiers with a Tree Dedication Ceremony at Warrior's Walk, June 21.

"This is a hollow place," said Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart - Hunter garrison commander. "Here today stands 336 Red Buds in monument to 3ID Soldiers."

The Eastern Red Bud trees planted on Warriors Walk are marked with a granite stone carved with the name of each Soldier who made a great sacrifice for our nation. The trees serve as a living statue as a place for all to remember.

Pfc. Nicholas E. Riehl, 21, of Shiocton, Wis., died April 27 in Fallujah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during a combat patrol. He was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"Nick was described by other Soldiers as a great ground patrol man," said Buchs.

Spc. Eddie D. Tamez, 21, of Galveston, Texas, died April 27 in Fallujah of wounds suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. He was assigned to the 5/7 Cav., 1st BCT.

"When Eddie last spoke to his mother the last words to her were, 'I love you more' in response to her 'I love you,'" said Buchs.

Pfc. David A. Kirkpatrick, 20, of Upland, Ind., died April 27 in Fallujah of wounds suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. He was assigned to the 5/7 Cav., 1st BCT.

"David was mechanically skilled," said Buchs. "He loved outdoor adventure and could always be found in the garden after school when he was younger."

Sgt. William Castillo, a member of Riehl's squadron, and in the same troop as Tamez and Kirkpatrick, attended the ceremony to show his respect and pay homage. Castillo was in the same vehicle with Tamez and Kirkpatrick when they were killed by an IED. Castillo suffered injuries and underwent a leg amputation.

"Pfc. Kirkpatrick was quiet and respectful around his superiors, but very talkative and well liked among other Soldiers," said Castillo.

Recalling a cheerful memory of Kirkpatrick, Castillo said, "I do remember one instance, three days before the incident, where Kirkpatrick didn't have any exercise equipment, so he rigged two bars with weights to lift. He didn't fix the weights and they dropped on the floor."

Another hero, Sgt. Glenn D. Hicks Jr., 24, of College Station, Texas, died April 28 in Salman Pak, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle was struck with an IED and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd

Brigade Combat Team.

"Sergeant Hicks was known as 'Dale' to his family and friends," said Buchs. "Dale was described as the ultimate brother."

Pfc. Jay-D H. Ornsby-Adkins, 21, of Ione, Calif., died April 28 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered when his vehicle was struck with an IED and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1/15 Inf., 3rd BCT.

"Jay-D, a great tank loader, was always looking for an adventure and enjoyed sky-diving and visiting Australia," said Buchs.

Pvt. Cole E. Spencer, 21, of Gays, Ill., died April 28 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered when his vehicle was struck with an IED and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1/15th Inf., 3rd BCT.

"Cole was a small-town boy turned Soldier, whose sassy smile and attitude couldn't help but make others smile with him," said Buchs.

Sgt. Blake C. Stephens, 25, of Pocatello, Idaho, died May 8 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BCT.

"Blake's family knew he wanted to be a Soldier when they found him putting on his grandfather's Army dress uniform," said Buchs.

Spc. Kyle A. Little, 20, of West Boylston, Mass., died May 8 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered after an IED detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to HHC, 3rd BCT.

"Kyle was a pitcher in high school and joined the Army at the age of 17," said Buchs.

Little's wife, Tiffany, an expectant mother, married Little before he was deployed. The couple met while bowling.

"He tried to set an example for his siblings," said Tiffany. "He once wrote a poem about a series of firefighters who lost their lives while saving children from a burning building." Kyle admired the firefighters for making the ultimate sacrifice, she said.

Sgt. Allen J. Dunckley, 25, of Yardley, Pa., died May 14 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using an IED and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1/15 Inf., 3rd BCT.

"Allen was quiet and professional," Buchs said. "He wanted to show his family he would do whatever it took to complete America's mission."

Sgt. Christopher N. Gonzalez, 25, of Winslow, Ariz., died May 14 in Salman Pak of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using an IED and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1/15 Inf., 3rd BCT.

"Christopher was a natural leader and was soon to be awarded staff sergeant rank," said Buchs.

The 10 Soldiers honored June 21 died fighting for their country. The memory of each Soldier will live forever in the hearts of their families, friends, the 3rd Infantry Division, and the Stewart - Hunter communities.



Pfc. Amanda McBride

Soldiers pay their respects to fallen comrades during the Tree Dedication Ceremony at Warrior's Walk, June 21.

Commissaries to mark their 140th anniversary

Dr. Peter D. Skirbunt
DeCA Historian

FORT LEE, Va. – American military commissaries, the “supermarkets to the military” at bases in the United States and across the globe, will reach their 140th anniversary on July 1. On that day in 1867, the Army was authorized by Congress to begin selling food items, called “commissary” items, “at cost,” to Soldiers of all ranks. This landmark event began the modern era of American military commissaries.

Commissaries today little resemble the warehouses that doubled as sales stores in 1867, but there are vital similarities: they still sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted alike, providing a savings benefit that encourages re-enlistment by stretching military paychecks. They also boost morale by providing “a taste of home” to locations around the world.

In the 19th century, Army rations lacked the variety and balance necessary to maintain health. Soldiers supplemented their diets by purchasing healthful foods, such as canned fruits and vegetables, from licensed vendors known as “sutlers.” Starting in 1825, officers were allowed to buy commissary items at cost from the subsistence department, but enlisted men had to continue buying from sutlers, who sold for a

profit. The result of this class division was that enlisted men paid higher prices for nonration food items than did their officers.

During the Civil War, many Soldiers were poorly served by sutlers who overcharged or provided poor-quality goods. After the war, Congress decided that enlisted men should receive the same shopping privileges officers had already enjoyed for four decades and extended the benefit to all ranks.

At the time, no other nation provided for its enlisted men in such a fashion. The practice was wise, frugal, just and generous, as well as distinctly democratic and proudly American.

At first, the stores were open to all active-duty Army personnel, and even civilians could shop at certain posts. The first stock list, in 1868, consisted of 82 items and made the sales commissaries (as they were called at that time) similar to civilian general stores of that era.

As time passed, the benefit changed and improved. Civilian post traders, who had been permitted to sell anything commissaries did not carry, were abolished in 1893, and the modern exchange system took their place in 1895. The first overseas commissaries opened in the Philippines in 1899.

After the Navy and Marine Corps opened their first commissaries in 1910, personnel from any service could patronize any commissary run by the other armed services.

Retired enlisted men became fully eligible shoppers in 1914, spouses and family members were shopping by the 1930s (and earlier in many locations), the Air Force assumed control of Army Air Force stores in 1947-48; and in 1952, a permanent surcharge was added, enabling commissaries to pay many of their own construction costs. Recently, in recognition of their vital contributions, increasing duties, and extended deployments, National Guard and Reserve personnel were authorized full-time commissary benefits.



In 1991, to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings, Congress and the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency by consolidating the military services' separate retail grocery operations into one organization. Since then, customer savings have increased from 20 to more than 30 percent, the agency opened 89 new stores, remodeled or made major renovations to over 60 existing stores, and upgraded and modernized over 100 more.

The number of items stocked by commissaries has also increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to 22,500 in the biggest stores today.

Patrick B. Nixon, DeCA's director and chief executive officer, says commissaries have become increasingly important in a time of tighter budgets, repeated combat deployments, and increased use of the Guard and Reserve.

The commissary benefit helps people in uniform and their Families. When forces deploy, the Families left behind depend on their local community services, including commissaries, to see them through.

With 140 years of experience, the people of the Defense Commissary Agency plan to provide and continue to improve this highly valued military benefit for many years to come.

Recall process helps keep commissary food supply safe

Lynda Valentine
DECA

FORT LEE, Va. – The Defense Commissary Agency understands customers' concerns regarding food safety and is committed to providing a safe and secure shopping environment for its patrons. When it comes to food safety, DeCA engages its stringent, multitiered system to ensure quick and complete removal of suspect items from store shelves throughout the world whenever a food or product recall is issued.

The recall process begins when an item is suspected of being contaminated or otherwise unfit for consumption or use, according to Army Col. Perry Chumley, DeCA's director of public health, safety and security.

Chumley said no matter the source, when DeCA receives a recall alert, the first order of business is to determine whether or not the product line or manufacturer is part of the DeCA inventory. That job falls to DeCA's sales direc-

torate, which purchases and tracks the thousands of products bought for resale in the commissary system.

If any commissary stocks the same brand name as the item in the recall, the sales directorate staff determines if the product DeCA sells matches the actual product being recalled.

This is the part of the advisory or recall process that confuses most customers.

When a lot number matches the item being recalled, the matching lot numbers are immediately removed from the shelves and placed on hold. Some companies, however, will ask DeCA to remove its entire stock of a product even if only one lot number in their company's line is recalled. Other times, companies will request that just the item indicated in the recall be removed, leaving other products with the same name on the shelves for customers. This is why an entire product line may be removed following a recall, but why other times similar products remain on the shelves for commissary patrons.

Items listed on a recall go into the medical holding areas of commissaries, where signs are placed on the items stating they are on medical hold. Each commissary has an employee responsible for ensuring every item remains off the shelf until either cleared for sale or removed from the facility. That employee counts the items when they are put into the holding area, and ensures that the initial count remains the same until the items are released for sale or removed from the facility.

To ensure there are no mix-ups along the way, “numerous redundancies are built into the system, both internal and external to DeCA,” said Chumley. “In addition, anytime a recall comes out through the media and before they get the word from us, local commissary managers have the authority to pull items off their shelves if they feel the items might not be safe.”

For information about recalls and other items of interest at your local commissary, log onto <http://www.commissaries.com>.

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Stewart - Hunter Annual Water Quality Report

Special to the Frontline

The Directorate of Public Works is pleased to present Fort Stewart, Water System Identification CG1790024 and Hunter Army Airfield's, WSI CG0510107, annual Water Quality Report. This report provides a detailed account of all the water monitoring and testing results gathered during 2006. As always, DPW's constant goal is to provide our patrons with safe and dependable drinking water. Additional copies of this report will be available at the Installation's Environmental Offices at Stewart, Building 1137 and Hunter, Building 615.

Where do I get water?

Fort Stewart's main water supply comes from five municipal groundwater wells that are approximately 500-feet deep, while Hunter's residents are serviced by four 500-feet deep wells. Groundwater is stored in permeable rock layers called aquifers, which are like underground lakes. Our groundwater is supplied by the Upper Floridan Aquifer. Before the water is distributed, the water is chlorinated to kill disease-causing organisms and fluoridated to promote dental health.

Protecting Water Source

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, water dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Therefore, water can pick up substances as by-products from both the presence of ani-

mals and human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, or mining and farming activities.
- Pesticides or herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and they can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be either naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants

and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment

A source water assessment has been performed on the source of your drinking water (the Upper Floridan Aquifer). The Wellhead Protection Plans at Stewart - Hunter were developed to determine the susceptibility of contaminants entering our drinking water supply and to better identify ways for protecting our water source. For further information, a copy of these Wellhead Protection Plans may be reviewed at the Stewart Environmental Office, 1550 Frank Cochran Dr. (Bldg. 1137). Point of contact is Ms. Tressa Rutland, 767-2010.

Vulnerability

Both MEDDAC'S Preventive Medicine and the DPW continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is safe to drink; however, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Water Quality Data

Below is a table that indicates the constituents that have been detected during sampling of Stewart and Hunter's water supply system.

Detected Contaminants

Parameter	MCL MCLG		Fort Stewart				HAAF		Violation	Source of Contaminants
			Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date ¹	Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date ²		
Regulated Contaminants										
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.10 *	0.66-1.62	Jan-Dec 2006	1.12*	0.54-1.74	Jan-Dec 2006	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	4**	0-4.6	Sep 2005	9.4**	0-13	Sep 2006	NO	Corrosion on household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppb)	AL=1300	0	140**	0-310	Sep 2005	140**	0-240	Sep 2006	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems;Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
TTHMs [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	80	0	4.8 *	2.8-6.7	Feb-Nov 2006	2.1	2.1	Sep 2006	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	n/d	n/d	Dec 06	0.75*	n/d-0.96	Mar-Dec 2006	NO	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Total Xylenes (ppb)	10	10	n/d	n/d	Dec 06	3.4*	n/d-4.7	Mar-Dec 2006	NO	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
Unregulated Contaminants										
Chloroform (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.86	n/d-0.86	Dec 2006	1.15*	n/d-1.6	Mar-Dec 2006	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.84	n/d-0.84	Dec 2006	1.12*	n/d-1.8	Mar-Dec 2006	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorodibromomethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.63	n/d-0.63	Dec 2006	0.93*	n/d-1.7	Mar-Dec 2006	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

¹The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk as some contaminants naturally occur in drinking water systems.

²Based on most recent sampling requirement

*Average of all detections.

**Value represents 90th percentile value of most recent sampling, see frequency below.

As mentioned, Stewart - Hunter monitor constantly for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The table lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Many other contaminants have been analyzed also, but were either not present or were below the detection of the laboratory equipment.

Terms and Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm: Parts per million; a unit of

measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000.

ppb: Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000,000.

TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes; by-products of drinking water disinfection.

Range: The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant. For example, the range of an unregulated contaminant may be 10.1 (lowest value) to 13.4 (highest value). EPA requires the range to be reported for certain analytes.

n/d- Not Detected.; n/a- Not applicable

Monitoring Frequencies

Our water systems use only EPA approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel

take water samples from numerous locations throughout the distribution system and residents' taps; samples

are then delivered to an accredited laboratory where water quality analyses are performed as follows:

Parameter	Fort Stewart Frequency	Hunter Frequency
Biological Contaminants	Once a month	Once a month
Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs)	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs)	Waived*	Waived*
Inorganic Contaminants (IOCs)	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Lead and Copper	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Nitrates/Nitrites	Once every year	Once every year
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Once a quarter	N/A **
Unregulated Contaminants	Approx. once every 3 yrs	Approx. once every 3 yrs

*The Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued Stewart - Hunter a SOC monitoring waiver for 2004-2007 because EPD studies have shown that the drinking water is not vulnerable to contamination from SOC's at either Installation.

**Per EPD Rules and Regulations, TTHM sampling is not required for drinking water systems with less than 10,000 consumers.

Flushing Program

Water distribution systems typically have looped water mains that keep water flowing throughout the system - keeping it "fresh". Periodically, the DPW flushes the lines to aid the process. But, the lines that lead from the main to your individual building are

flushed only when you use the water in the building. The DPW Environmental Division recommends you flush your lines for about 2 minutes after extended periods of non-use, such as after a vacation. You can help improve the quality of your water.

Conserving Our Water Supply

Every day throughout the world, nations are facing water problems in terms of both quantity and quality. Between 1950 and 1970, global water demand tripled and is expected to double within 35 years. Although 75 percent of the Earth is covered by water, only one percent is available as renewable fresh water, and only about one-third of all precipitation that falls on the land goes back to the oceans by rivers and runoff.

We are a nation whose water needs are rapidly rising while available supplies are shrinking; regional water crises are becoming increasingly frequent as water tables are falling and stream flow is decreasing. We can no longer take our drinking water for granted.

This means that individuals, municipalities, industries, and gov-

ernments must be proactive in conserving and protecting our water supplies.

As Georgia continues to experience the after-effects of the previous year's conditions, we must realize that the consequences of such little rainfall are far-reaching, affecting humans, wildlife, and vegetation. Additionally, the severity of its impact on society is often exacerbated by the demand that people place on the water supply.

Water is the most precious commodity we have on this planet; we ought not treat it as if it were an unlimited resource.

By shifting our priorities for water usage, we can prevent water scarcity.

The well has run dry in many places—let's not make our community next!

Georgia Water Restrictions

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division declared a Level Two drought statewide, which requires that a specific schedule be followed for outdoor water use.

As a result of this rule, year-round conservation-based restrictions on outdoor water use are in effect. Currently, homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from midnight to 10 a.m.

Likewise, homes and businesses with even-numbered or unnumbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from midnight to 10 a.m. All outdoor water use will be prohibited on Fridays.

Everyone at Stewart - Hunter must continue to do their part to conserve water. Concerns can be addressed at our quarterly town hall meetings or contact the number below.

Directorate of Public Works test the waters at Fort Stewart-Hunter

Stanley Thomas
Directorate of Public Works

On a recent newscast, CBS reported that there were concerns with the water quality at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

As noted in the June 12 article CBS posted on their Web site following the newscast, Marine Corps and Navy Judge Advocate

General officials are addressing the Camp Lejeune water quality issue which is related to two specific compounds – trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene. Fortunately, Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield has tested drinking water wells for the installation, and they were not detected.

The Directorate of Public Works puts out an annual Water Quality Report which is

distributed during the summer to public facilities throughout Stewart-Hunter and to the housing residents.

The 2006 Water Quality Report is posted on the installation Internet and is published in the Frontline newspaper.

The sampling results with detections are listed in the report. The two compounds noted in the CBS article are part of a suite of

compounds referred to as Volatile Organic Compounds. Stewart-Hunter were last sampled for VOCs December 19, 2006 and April 18 of this year. Neither showed a detection of PCE or TCE and therefore, they are not specifically listed on the report. We hope this helps to alleviate any concerns the news broadcast and article may have raised.

IMCOM From Page 1A

Tindoll comes to the IMCOM Southeast Region after serving as Deputy Director of the Korea Region, a position he held since October 2004. As deputy director, Tindoll had responsibility for the closure, re-stationing, and transformation of Army installations in South Korea. Prior to his assignment in Korea, Tindoll served as the Chief of Staff of the Southeast Region, Installation Management Agency, responsible for directing and coordinating the region staff in the management of 20 Army installations located in eight states.

Prior to civilian service, Tindoll served as an Army officer for 30 years. He was formerly the Garrison Commander at Fort Rucker, Chief of Staff of the Aviation Center, and served in other key command and staff assignments in aviation and cavalry units. He also previously served as Deputy Region Director of the Southeast Region.

As Region Director, Tindoll will be responsible for an organizing support and

services for eight states and Puerto Rico, managing 15,000 employees, and overseeing a \$2 billion budget.

"We will define excellence by two means – one in the quality of support we provide and second in the responsiveness to the needs of senior mission commanders," Tindoll said. "Southeast Region will be ready to support the priorities and requirements of the senior mission commanders on each installation."

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command was created as a key component of Army transformation to bring all installation support services under a single organization to ensure the optimal care, support and training of the fighting force.

The Installation Management Command's mission is to provide installations that enable Soldier and Family readiness, and provide a quality of life that matches the quality of service they provide to the nation.



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general of Installation Management Command, passes the organizational colors to Davis. D. Tindoll, Jr. in a change of director ceremony for IMCOM-SE at Fort McPherson June 25.



Special to the Frontline

Joseph Cantor, customer service representative for the Administrative Support Branch of the Directorate of Emergency Services, has worked for the ASB for nearly twelve years.

He assists with a serveral issues including the barring of civilians from the installation.

Cantor hails from Jacksonville, Ala., where he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1968.

In 1970, after attending Jacksonville State University for two years, Cantor joined the United States Air Force and served in various assignments including Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines.

He worked as a radio operator for four years, and was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in 1974.

In 1977, after a three and one-half year break in service, Cantor joined the United States Army, where he initially served as a Cobra Helicopter Mechanic before reclassing as a legal clerk.

He served with several units including the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach, Germany; the 501st Combat Aviation Battalion, DISCOM, at Fort Stewart; V Corps in Frankfurt, Germany before returning to Fort Stewart.

In 1990-1991, Cantor successfully deployed and redeployed the Office of the "Victory" Judge Advocate to the Gulf War without loss of life or equipment. Upon redeployment from the Gulf, He was put in charge of opening and overseeing the first ever Consolidated Legal



Courtesy Photo

Joseph Cantor

Center at Fort Stewart.

Cantor retired from the Army at Fort Stewart as a sergeant first class in 1994. His many years of legal experience combined with a friendly, helpful attitude contribute greatly to the overall effectiveness of the Administrative Support Branch. He has been married for 28 years to his wife, Gisela, whom he met in 1978, during his first tour in Germany. They have ae daughter, Katharina, who will be starting her fourth year at Georgia College and State University in the fall. Cantor is a self-professed computer geek, but confesses that he would have more fun reliving his Cobra mechanic days by working on old cars.

DES provides customer service

Special to the Frontline

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Administrative Support Branch provides a variety of support functions for the emergency service assets on Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield.

It provides customer service for Soldiers, Family members, civilians and contractors. The services provided by this branch include police reports, clearing, taxi permits, local record checks, criminal background checks, installation bar and driving

revocation/suspension issues.

The customer service counter is located in Building 283 at 304 East Bultman Avenue, located next to the police station. Their telephone number is 767-849. The office hours are Monday - Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

The Administrative Support Branch is closed every day for lunch between 11 a.m. and noon. They are closed Saturday, Sunday and on all Federal Holidays. For more information, call 767-8427.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

July 4th Celebrations @ FS
4 July- 8:30am to 9:30pm @ Newman Field,
Corkan Rec Areas, & 6th Street
Festivities will include Walk to Iraq, Recreation & Water activities, 50
Gun Salute, Youth activities, BMX/Skateboard/Motorcycle Demos,
Main Stage entertainment, Food Booths, and Fireworks!
767-621 2

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Summer Fun Luau Sunday Brunch
1 July- 10:30am to 1:30pm, Club Stewart
Menu will feature omelet & carving stations, salad bar, Hawaiian
Ham, roast pork, fresh fruit, crepes, assorted side dishes & dessert
station. Cost is \$11.95 per person, Children (ages 5-10) half price
and (under 5) eat free. Bring in a church bulletin and
receive \$1 off each meal cost.
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Kid's Cooking Class/Summer Luau
1 July- 3pm, Club Stewart
Kids will learn how to make everyone's favorite summer treats!
Limited space available. Sign-up's are limited to the first 50.
Cost is \$5.00 per person.
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Mandatory Overseas Briefings @ FS
3, 17 July- 9am & 10am, Army Community Service
Soldiers learn about the ACS programs to help in their relocation,
receive packets of information on the country they are going to, watch
a short video about the country and/or duty station. Briefings take
place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
767-2500

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Latin Night @ Rocky's
6 July- 10pm to 3am
Come and dance to the latest & greatest Latin hits. Cost is Free to
Military & Dependants. Ladies are Free from (10pm-12am).
Civilians \$10 per person.
767-871 5/368-221 2

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**Ultimate Fighting Championship
Stacked**
7 July- 10pm, Rocky's
Live on Pay-per-view! Silva vs. Marquardt, Ortiz vs. Evans, & Sherk
vs. Franca. Free Admission. 767-8715/368-221 2

Officers Wanted!

The 3rd Inf. Div. Commanding General is looking for "high speed" Soldiers and Warrant Officers who have what it takes to be commissioned officers in the United States Army. All 3rd Inf. Div. and Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers are invited to submit an application packet for one of the CG's 14 Officer Candidate School Direct Select allocations. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements IAW AR 350-51 and Army MILPER Message 06-128. Completed packets are due to 3rd Inf. Div. G1 no later than July 15. For more information, contact 3ID-G1Programs-Actions@iraq.centcom.mil or your Brigade S1.



Call

315-6075 at Hunter
767-4491 at Stewart

All riders must be registered and have completed hold harmless agreements filed with Child Youth Services. Parents may register their children for this service any evening at the Fort Stewart or Hunter Army

Airfield youth centers seven days a week from 2 to 8 p.m. or at either CYS registration office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is free. For more information call Stewart 767-4491, Hunter 315-6075.

Fort Stewart Schedule

	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sun	Mon-Sun
Bryan Village Youth Center	11am	3pm	6pm
Liberty Woods (Corner of Wild Fern & Liberty Woods)	11:05am	3:05pm	6:05pm
Liberty Woods (corner of Jasmine Ave & Liberty Woods)	11:10am	3:10pm	6:10pm
GMH Southern Oaks Community Center	11:20am	3:20pm	6:20pm
Bryan Village South (Corner of Argle & Rogers)	11:25am	3:25pm	6:25pm
Isenhower Homes (Corner of Liberty & Hanrich)	11:35am	3:35pm	6:35pm
School Age Services	11:40am	3:40pm	6:40pm
Coastal Ridge (Corner of Victory & Audie Murphy Way)	11:45am	3:45pm	6:45pm
Marne Lanes	11:50am	3:50pm	6:50pm
Corkan Family Recreation Area	12pm	4pm	7pm

Events run through August 5
- no service on federal holidays

Hunter Schedule

	Mon-Sat	Sun Only	Mon-Sun
GMH Community Center (Gannam Ave in Wilson Acres)	11:30am	3:15 pm	6:30pm
GMH Community Center (Calloway Ave in New Savannah)	11:15am	3:00 pm	6:45pm
Hunter Fitness Center	11:45am	3:30 pm	6:15pm
Youth Center, Bldg 1289 (Haley Ave)	12:00pm	3:45 pm	6:00pm

Events run through August 31
- no service on federal holidays

315-6075

Fort Stewart Airman recognized for work with 3/7 Cav during OIF I

Sgt. Jason Stadel
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. – Air Force Master Sgt. Michael L. Keehan III put his life on the line more than four years ago as the United States military invaded Iraq and toppled the dictatorship of Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. For his heroic actions in March and April of 2003, Keehan was awarded the Silver Star at a ceremony held at Shaw Air Force Base June 22.

Keehan is stationed at Fort Stewart and assigned to the Air Force's 15th Air Support Operations Squadron which has its headquarters at Wright Army Airfield. During Operation Iraqi Freedom I, Keehan, then a technical sergeant, led a tactical air control party that was attached to 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, during the invasion.

A TACP is an Air Force forward observer team that calls in air support.

Although blinded by a severe sandstorm, Keehan and his team were able to relay accurate information to Air Force attack forces which greatly aided in the advance of 3/7 Cav.

Keehan, who was presented with the Silver Star by the

commander of the 9th U.S. Air Force and U.S. Central Commander Air Force commander Lt. Gen. Gary North, was modest about being awarded the fourth highest medal in the military and third highest awarded for combat actions.

"It's about teamwork," said Keehan. "I had a great team of five guys and during the sandstorm it was our spirit not to give up."

"Knowing that guys are alive means more to me than any award," he said.

North told the crowd of nearly 60 Airmen and Families that Keehan's ability to work with Soldiers and Airmen on the ground along with the pilots in the air lead to success of the mission.

"Sergeant Keehan's actions in this combat push are deserving of this award," North said.

Keehan will deploy with 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div. later this fall; this will be his third deployment.

North said the confluence of work between the Army and the Air Force is "incredibly important" to success in the war on terror and that "air power in a joint environment is crucial to the mission on the ground."

Keehan is the 35th Airman since the start of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to be awarded the Silver Star.



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Lt. Gen. Gary North, left, presents Master Sgt. Michael Keehan with the Silver Star. Keehan earned the award for his role in combat actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

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Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, First Army Division East commander, presents Col. George Geczy, III the 188th Brigade Colors as Geczy assumes command during a ceremony held at Cottrell Field Sunday.

"I know why I'm up here. I'm up here because of non-commissioned officers like you, who are out in the field right now, especially those who are in 1/41 Infantry that helped shape this now-brigade commander," he said.

Geczy took over the responsibility to guide the 188th Inf., a unit of more than 600 Soldiers with five training support battalions and the headquarters unit.

Sharing the Army's challenges, Geczy is joined by his wife of 20 years, Melinda. They have two children, Andrew and Eva.

Geczy thanked the command for the opportunity, and the outgoing commander for his efforts.

Miller was rewarded for his effectiveness in leading the 188th when Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, First Army Division East commander, presented him with the Legion of Merit medal. This award is among the Army's rarest.

In his remarks to the assembled Soldiers, Families and friends, the outgoing commander expressed his

appreciation for the importance and contribution of the reserve component to the total Army.

"The integral role the Army Reserve and National Guard portion play in the Global War on Terror...is a necessary critical element of the overall Army," he said. "I leave with nothing but admiration and respect for the superb work that these Soldiers do, and the tremendous sacrifices they make to serve our nation."

Miller also expressed awe at the magnitude and significance of First Army's mission.

"What a huge undertaking it is to train and prepare the enormous number of reserve component Soldiers supporting the war on terror," he said. "It is a sacred responsibility and contract with our nation to prepare our citizen-Soldiers for war."

In closing, Miller had words of high praise for the Soldiers who served under him.

"The most important thing I've learned in my command, I've learned from you," he said. "Spending the majority

of my time in command inspecting the troops, has offered me the opportunity to observe and evaluate our mission from multiple locations from across the United States. Your brave work and high standards for training never failed to impress me."

Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, in his remarks, gave compliments to Miller and outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Garrett. "Both of you should feel a deep sense of personal pride and satisfaction knowing that you performed a critical duty in such a superb manner," he said.

"Your command team has been marked by absolute professionalism and strong, seasoned, thoughtful, caring leadership."

Attending the ceremony, the Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander remarked on the importance of the mission, and the steadfast leadership of the 188th.

"I think it is an extremely important mission," said Col. Todd Buchs about the role of the 188th Inf. in support of the Fort Stewart and the 3rd

Infantry Division. "Especially today, as we fight the Global War on Terrorism. These are the trainers of our reserve component Soldiers that are going in. These guys prepare Soldiers to go to war. It's a tremendously important mission. I think the Army is picking the best leaders and Soldiers to help train the Soldiers to go to war."

Buchs who has known both Miller and Geczy in previous assignments, appreciates the character of both men.

"Derek Miller was my observer controller when I was a headquarters company commander, when I was going through the National Training Center. He's one of the best trainers in the Army," Buchs said. "And George Geczy, we've served together a couple of times. He's another superb trainer, leader. I think he's going to a great job."

Miller's next assignment will be with First Army in Atlanta.

Editors note: Pat Young, Fort Stewart Public Affairs, contributed to the article.

Project Iraqi Kids makes its way to Iraq



Courtesy Photo

Members who support Project Iraqi Kids organize school supplies to be shipped to Iraq and distributed to Iraqi children, May 31.

Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD — American Legion Post 256 members from Tennessee are supporting the war effort by raising money to purchase school supplies for Iraqi children.

The effort, called "Project Iraqi Kids," generates funds to buy school supplies to be shipped to U.S. units in Iraq. Elements of the

1st Cavalry Division and the 3rd Infantry Division are scheduled to start distributing the supplies in late June.

The idea for the project came when a former D Company, 278th Tennessee Army National Guard commander returned from Iraq in February 2006 and spoke to American Legion Post 256 members and the Tellico Village Retired Military Club members about

the need to reach out to Iraqi children, according to retired Col. Dick Kolasheski, currently serving as the service officer of the American Legion Post 256.

The ability to reach out to the Iraqi kids and show them the true face of America will do much to determine the success or failure of the mission and the countless sacrifices the Iraqis are making, the company commander said to the American Legion.

This is the same view that has been reinforced to the servicemen and women currently in Iraq, Kolasheski said. Kolasheski's son, Lt. Col. John Kolasheski, with 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat

Team, is currently serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

churches and organizations, along with contributions from Loudon and Monroe Counties businesses, almost \$24,000 has been raised for the cause.

Five thousand soccer uniforms, 100 inflating pumps, 1,000 soccer balls and backpacks were donated to the effort by a Wilmington, Calif., soccer company. New Canaan, Conn., citizens donated more than 2,000 stuffed animals. Backpacks will be filled with school supplies and then shipped to units in Iraq.

When the materials are received by the units in Iraq, they will be distributed to the local children by the Soldiers conducting combat patrols throughout their respective areas of operation.

"I think we can congratulate ourselves on a job very well done," Kolasheski said. "It would not have happened without all countless people pulling together to get it done."

Organizations who wish to contribute to Project Iraqi Kids can mail a tax deductible check payable to American Legion Post 256 – Iraqi Kids to:

**American Legion Post 256
PO Box 233,
Vonore, TN 37885**

"This war will not be won by bullets alone, but by efforts that directly address the needs and aspirations of the Iraqi people," Kolasheski said. "This project will give our (Soldiers) additional tools that can be used to establish meaningful ties to an important segment of the Iraqi population, their children."

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"This was the first time I have ever done this kind of training. I learned a lot, like escalation of force," said Cates.

A three-day convoy operation was held to give the Soldiers experience in a real life setting. Classroom instruction was given first, then training on reflexive fire, which taught Soldiers to instinctively aim their weapons and fire.

Minnifield said that he didn't like the reflexive fire training at first, because the trust between the Soldiers wasn't there.

The training taught Soldiers to trust each other and have trust in their weapons.

Later, Soldiers commanded military vehicles and traveled approximately eight miles from one FOB to another.

The challenges included, but were not limited to, fake IEDs placed in various places, traffic control points and dealing with local nationals.

Instructors and company commanders watched from nearby humvees. They listened to the convoy commander communicate through the radio to the rest of the convoy and took notes on how they responded to each challenge. Instructors never stopped the exercise but instead waited until the end and conducted an After Action Review on the good and the bad points of the entire training exercise.

During the convoy Cates was a crew member on one of the military vehicles.

"The training helped me build confidence before going out on the convoy," said Cates.

One of the last bits of training the Soldiers were engaged in was at the Medical Support Training Center. At the MSTC, Soldiers learned techniques on how to mend a combat wound, insert IVs and also relieve a collapsed lung.

"I needed that one because I wasn't combat life saver qualified," said Minnifield.

The Soldiers of the STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. then headed to Iraq to take over for the 45th Sustainment Brigade.

"The training helped us prepare for situations in case they came up, because they do come up. It gave us confidence," said Cates. "Now, when we're in a situation we will know how to handle it."

Army updates AR 670-1 regarding uniform wear

Special to the Frontline

On June 22, the United States Army announced the latest changes to Army Regulation 670-1 regarding the wear policy for the Army Combat Uniform and other changes.

Among the changes is the restriction from wearing the Army White Uniform, wear of jewelry while in uniform, accessories including the Bluetooth telephone, nametapes, and shoulder sleeve insignia.

The wear of jewelry was addressed allowing Soldiers to wear a wristwatch, a wrist identification bracelet, and a total of two rings (a wedding set is considered one ring) with Army uniforms, unless prohibited by the commander for safety or health reasons. However, jewelry worn by Soldiers must be conservative and in good taste.

The identification bracelets are limited to medical alert bracelets, Missing in Action/Prisoner of War, Killed in Action and bracelets that are black or silver in color only. Soldiers are only authorized to wear one item on each wrist.

Pens and pencils worn in the pen/pencil slots on the ACU coat can be exposed. There are no stipulations on the colors of pens/pencils worn in the slots on the ACU coat.

Other authorized exceptions are religious items described in AR 670-1, paragraph 1-7b, include a conservative tie tack or tie clasp that male Soldiers wear with the black four-in-hand necktie and a pen or pencil that may appear exposed on the hospital duty, food service, combat vehicle crewman uniform, or flight uniforms.

In Paragraph 1-9a(2)(b) the wear of wireless Bluetooth devices and non-wireless ear pieces while wearing Army uniforms, except while operating a commercial or military vehicle (to include a motorcycle or bicycle) was prohibited.

Items authorized for use included the wearing of ballistic spectacle eye protection issued by the Army and wear of the black, ACU universal pattern, foliage green, desert camouflage pattern gym bags, civilian rucksacks, or other similar civilian bags

while in uniform. Some policies were highlighted including wear policies outlined in AR 670-1, paragraph 1-10e(2), which still apply.

Non-subdued shoulder sleeve insignia are not authorized to be worn on utility uniforms. The release indicated there are no exceptions to policy currently approved authorizing wear of any non-subdued SSI on utility uniforms. In addition, combat, special skill, and identification badges are not authorized to be worn on the ACU in field or in deployed environments.

Subdued pin-on or sewn-on rank is authorized to wear on the ACU sun (boonie) hat and the ACU patrol cap.

AR 670-1, paragraphs 6-2c(4), 6-5e, and 12-2c(1) is changed authorizing wear of the black leather boots, tan combat boots, or optional tan boots similar to the tan combat boots with the aircrew battle dress uniform and the flight uniform. Black, tan, or green socks are autho-

rized to be worn with the ACU .

One of the other changes is the nametape. The last-name nametape will be worn on the ACU parka, cold weather Gortex, generation II. All personnel will wear the nametape on the left-sleeve pocket flap. The nametape will be centered left to right on the bottom of the pocket flap. Personnel are not authorized to wear the nametape in any other location on the parka other than the bottom of the pocket flap.

Personnel are not authorized to embroider the nametape directly on the pocket flap, or wear an olive green or universal camouflage pattern nametape with hook and loop fastener on the generation II Gortex parka. The nametape is a strip of universal camouflage pattern or olive-green cloth, 5 1/4 inches long and 1/2 inch wide with 1/4 inch block lettering. The nametape can accommodate up to 14 characters. No other size name-tape is authorized to be worn on the ACU Gortex parka (generation II).

For these and other changes visit online www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform/default.asp.



Respite care available for EFMP members

Special to the Frontline

Caring for a special needs Family member can become very stressful at times. Family members are authorized 40 hours per month of respite care per exceptional Family member. Family members must be enrolled in the Army EFMP. Enrollment will be verified.

To qualify, a medical provider must certify that the EFM meets at least one of the following:

- Little or no age appropriate self-help skills.
- Severe, continuous seizure activity
- Ambulation with neurological impairment that requires assistance with activities of daily living.
- Tube feeding.

- Tracheotomy with frequent suctioning.

- Apnea monitoring during hours of sleep.

- Inability to control behavior with safety issues requiring constant supervision .If you meet these qualifications stop by ACS, EFMP office located in Family Readiness Center, bldg. 87, 191 Lindquist Road to pick up an application packet. The parent will be given a DA form to be completed by their Primary Care Manager and the parent must return the form to the ACS, EFMP office.

If you have a care provider that you are already working with, you may use that provider with this program. For more information, contact Mavis Crowell, EFMP Manager at 767-2587/1257.

Other EFMP happenings

Join the EFMP support group at our next meeting, Thursday, 6-7 p.m. July 19, at the Family Readiness Center, bldg. 87. We will be viewing a video: Living Well With Bipolar Disorder. For more information call 767-2587/1257.

Exceptional Family Member Program bowling

Army Community Service, EFMP in partnership with Marne Lanes has started EFMP Bowling Night. EFMP bowling will be held the first Monday of each month. The next event will be held on Monday, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 6 at Marne Lanes. The games are \$1 and shoe rental is free. If you are registered in the EFMP and would like to participate please contact ACS, EFMP at 767-2587 or 767-1257 or stop by the EFMP office in bldg. 87 to sign up.

Pervasive Development Disorder Support

If you have a child or know of someone whose child has been diagnosed with one of the five types of PDDs, Autism Disorder, Rett's Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger's Disorder or pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified and would be interested in joining a support group, contact ACS, EFMP at 767-2587 to sign up.